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9.2   Reflections on Cybersecurity on the health sector

1.   Issue at stake

In the light of the update from the new NIS Cooperation Group work stream on cybersecurity for health, and other developments in this field – there is a value now in taking stock of related initiatives and reflecting on possible further actions.

2.   Summary

Developing cybersecurity response, and building capacity in this regard, is an essential part of the work towards a European health data space (EHDS).

Strong cybersecurity in health is a strategic priority for the Commission, and the legislative framework is regularly reviewed and when necessary updated.

The Commission is working on a legislative framework for health data sharing, to reflect the EU's fundamental values – in terms of data protection, fundamental rights, safety and cybersecurity - and address the requirements of a changing health information landscape. The Commission intends to put forward a new Cybersecurity Strategy that will look at how to boost EU-level cooperation, knowledge and capacity [1].

These will be accompanied by the review of the NIS Directive and a proposal for additional measures on Critical Infrastructure Protection,

Together with the ongoing work on cybersecurity as part of the EU Security Union, this will increase capabilities within Member States, boost the EU's overall cybersecurity, and establish a solid governance and trust frameworks for sensitive health data, and support to an effective implementation of the EU cybersecurity and data protection legislation across the health sector as an integral part of the activities on fostering cross-border access to health data and European health data space.

The Horizon Europe Programme and the Digital Europe Programme will significantly contribute to these challenges.

3.   Format of procedure in the meeting

For information and to receive Member States reflections on cybersecurity issues in the health sector.

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[1] By the end of 2020, the Commission plans amongst other to complete the review of the Network and Information Systems Directive, propose ideas need for a Joint Cyber Unit as well to adopt a new Cybersecurity Strategy [source: https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/cyber-security].